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SUBJ: DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL: SECRETARY SIMON LETTER

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1. SINCE DELIVERY OF SIMON LETTER TO MINISTRY OF FINANCE ON JULY 19, WE HAVE BEEN CHECKING PERIODICALLY WITH MINISTRY TO ELICIT GON REACTION. MINISTER DUSENBERG, HOWEVER, STILL ON LEAVE AND NOT EXPECTED BACK FOR SERVAL DAYS YETS. TREASURER GENERAL OORT HAS JUST RETURNED FROM LEAVE BUT APPARENTLY HAS NOT YET HAD CHANCE TO FOCUS ON LETTER.

2. BY WAY OF PRELIMINARY REACTION, WE CAN REPORT THAT WORKING LEVEL OFFICIALS AT MINISTRY OF FINANCE ARE SOMEWHAT PERPLEXED AT REASONS FOR US PROPOSING DEPARTURE FROM INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS THOSE OFFICIALS UNDERSTOOD HAD BEEN "AGREED" AT JUNE C-20

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MEETING, I.E., THAT MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE BE JOINT BANK/FUND

BODY (WE HAVE PASSED ON SUBSTANCE OF REF (B)). INITIAL THINKING, WHICH OUR MINFIN CONTACTS FEEL CONFIDENT DUISENBERG WILL SHARE, IS THAT JOINT/BANK FUND COMMITTEE WOULD BE LESS LIKELY TO DUPLICATE RESOURCES AND WORK OF OTHER BIDOES THAN WOULD BE A COMMITTEE WORKING OUTSIDE IMF/IBRD STRUCTURE. BODY SUCH AS PROPOSED IN SIMON LETTER WOULD, THEY FEEL, PROBABLY ENTAIL PROVIDING PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT BEYOND THAT WHICH WOULD BE NECESSARY UNDER "AGREED" CONCEPT. OUR CONTACTS SPECULATED, HOWEVER, THAT GON WOULD PROBABLY BE AMENABLE TO PERSUASION BY MAJORITY THINKING ON THIS POINT.

3. IN OUR ORAL PRESENTATION WE HAVE STRESSED THE URGENCY WHICH WE ATTACH TO GETTING ON WITH THE COMMITTEE'S ESTABLISHMENT SO THAT IT MAY PROCEED TO TACKLE WITH DUE HASTE CRITICAL ISSUES IT WLL HAVE TO CONSIDER, PARTICULARLY PROBLEMS OF MSA'S. WE HAVE BEEN ASSURED BY MINFIN OFFICIALS THAT ALL LEVELS OF GON, INCLUDING DUISENBERG, ARE WITH US ON THAT SCORE.

4. WE HAVE ASKED ZWARTJES, WHO IS "ACTION" OFFICER IN MINFIN ON SIMON LETTER, TO RELAY ORALLY TO US DUISENBERG'S AND GON'S VIEWS ON THE LETTER SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT WE MAY REPORT THESE VIEWS IN GOOD TIME. ZWARTJES PROMISED HE WOULD DO SO.
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